# THE THREE STRINGS

By NATALIE SUMNER LINCOLN Author of "The Nameless Man"

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Evelyn Preston finds the body of stranger in the library of her home in Washington. Her mother and stepfather. Peter Burnham, arrive, but are unable to throw any light on the mystery. Captain LaMontagne, in Will you come with me, mother?" love with Evelyn, learns that his letters to her have been intercepted and he police that he believes LaMontagne killed the stranger. Burnham consults Doctor Hayden concerning her husband, whose mind. she thinks, has become affected. Dan Maynard, in love with Marian Van Ness, tells her that her husband is dead, that his body was that found in the Burnham home. She believes Maynard is a German spy.

#### THEN READ THIS

Unmasked

MAYNARD, swinging his care Jaunt By as he strode along, paused a few steps from the Bellevue Aparts ment House and swore softly; he had entirely forgotten the errand which had, ostensibly, taken him to see Marian. Retracing his footsteps ho persuaded the telephone operator to give him a small envelope and writing venience," he inclosed it in the cave lope, and insured its immediate delivery by a liberal the to the grinning elevator boy.

His conscience once again clear he hastened around to the Burnhams' and reached that hespitable home just as Jones appeared on the doorstep intent on summoning a newsboy whose shrill shout of "Sumbay Times" could

be heard a block away. Maynard paused by the butter's side "Get a paper for me also." he directed producing some pennies.

"Don't bother, siv," protested Jones. "I always gets four for the house, sir: hunting for his change the butler resurrected a folded paper. His face fell at sight of it. "Heavens, sir; I forgot to give you this," he gasped in ensternation, "Mrs. Van Ness-that



Maynard had forgation the butler's ex dyn positively. Istence. His entire attention was concentrated on the small piece of paper self wound it." The corener's air of do you want to know." mate in two moves."

For several seconds May nard studied stated. the position of the men, then wheeling about he raced up the staircase and disappeared in his bedraom, in his haste utterly ignoring Mrs. Burnham's friendly greeting as he bassed her in

Mrs. Burnham frowned at his closed door in surprised indignation; discourtesy in any form was like a red rag to a buil to her, and making up her mind that she would exact full apology from Maynard later on, she continued on her way to Evelyn's bedroom. There she found Evelyn, fully dressed, sitting on the edge of her bed. one hand pressed to her side and her face the color of the bed sheets.

"Mother, please get me some arematic spirits of ammonia," she begged. "I thought I was stronger-"I told you to remain in bed,

retorted Mrs. Burnham in marked displeasure. "Remember, your prom-

"Oh, mother, don't argue," gasped Evelyn, "I really think I am going to faint."

"Tut, nonsense!" responded Mrs. Burnham; she had small sympathy with hysterics, and Evelyn seemed or the verge of indulging in them. She raised her voice as footsteps stopped outside the door: "Who's there"

"Me, ma'am, Jones." replied the butler, holding the door ajar. "Corener Penfield to see Miss Evelyn."

A faint "Oh!" from the bed reached Mrs. Burnham and her hesitation van-

"Telf the coroner we will see him shortly, Jones; show him into the library; he has the key, I believe." and as the butler closed the door she apoached the bed and handed Evelyn plass of water. "Drink some of that, dear," she said more sympathetically. I will bring you some ammonia; lle

down until I return." Not waiting to see her directions carried out. Mrs. Burnham went at once to her dressing room and unlocked her medicine cabinet. The bottle she sought was not in front, and in moving some of the phials to see the better she was confronted with a small ie bottle bearing the ominous red ign "Poison," and the label: Acid Hydrocyan dil

Dose 1-3 minims bottle drew her hand as the orth Pole attracts the magnet. Holdit up to the light she tipped the He and the small amount of hydroic acid remaining in it showed She hesitated a long moment, secreted the bottle in her hand tting the ammonia after a

second search she hastened back t Evelyn and gave her a small dose. "Do you feel equal to seeing the coroner?" she asked.

Evelyn nodded. 'It was foolish of me to make a scene," she admitted.



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#### THE INTERESTING CASE MAMIE PELL AND BILL McCREE

Mamie Pell and Bill Met'ree Never, never could agree. He was strong for having lights. She was strong for woman's rights She would have him live in gence, He'd keep woman in her place. They were different, good lack As chalk and cheese, or white and

black Fate decided with a groun Each of them must live alone.

Showed the worth of tighting skill. Mamie was the first to see Fighting grace in Bill McCree, Mamie, never at a loss, Cave the Hair the double cross Making comfort kits and siels. Bill McCree was tickled, which Seemed to indicate that they Were good young patriots anyway.

Here a pleasing thing we see: Manule Pell is Manne McCree! Yep, they're hitched! To heal their

Cupid got a tip from Mars. With a zeal none can deride They are working side by side Selling Victory bonds to all. Rich and poor and great and small

For themselves, I'm glad to learn. They have Victory bonds to burn!

GRIF ALEXANDER.

GO UP TO BED DEAR AND YOU WILL

SOON BE WITH ANGELS IN YOUR

Marian had requested him not to mene gard appearance with concern "There when you closed the house for the "What Miss Preston states is true, I all view of the shore, and, despairing find that each week nets us a profit of that hornet's nest we're coming to? tion her presence at the house the are just one or two questions I must summer. Mrs. Burnham?" inquired knew not of the crime until I read of of reserve, Helen prayed silently and \$400.

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oner thoughtfully. "To some extent we have done that; a warrant has been issued for the arrest of that young French 'ace', Captain La Montagne, and we hope to have news of his whereabouts before night."

"You can have news of his whereabouts now," declared Evelyn before her mother could intervene, "My flance, Captain La Montagne, is dining "Your fiance!" Penfield stared, as-

DOROTHY DARNIT-She Needs a Net for These Angels

DREAMS-

"Sorry to keep you waiting," she idiosynerasies," she added, and the cor- shie regardless of their presence and carried more closely to her head and "That is satisfactory, for we have to "Sam laughed, and the whip curled, with the corresponding to the correspon White to play and make in two said gravelously. "My daughter is not neves.

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"No, but it was going," replied Eye you." Mrs. Burnham changed her just outside the door joined the group small a body.

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not even a chair misplaced; no soiled but she continued to regard the both maid and dog huddled in a dead man and his companion or constraint about her work section in the bottom of the with a square-tipped thumb you may

carousing here," replied Mrs. Burn-the physician to enter, but curiosity ham tartly. "You will have to travel kept him loitering near the door alread to find the motive, the crimwith carshot. In his absorption in within carshot. In his absorption in what was transpiring in the library with his arm around her waist and her spatialty are (TO BE CONTINUED)

#### The Solitary House

A new story will begin on this page on Monday—a mystery story with throbbing interest in every chapter and human nature enough to keep you happy. Don't miss the first installment.

The Solitary House

### DAILY NOVELETTE

HELEN'S RESCUE By EMMA LIBBEY

HELEN RAMSEY presented a fair picture as she floated on the pond in her little skiff. The morning sun shone brightly on her profusion of gold-, en curls, and the brisk breeze blew her light dress around her in picturesque confusion. Fido, glossy black of coat. BLUB, blub, blub, rose the bubbles curled at her feet, jumping up at times Isoctor and the fat, black cook had disto bark shrilly at the low-flying swal- appeared into the pool. Billy and the

thought. The summer was coming to plunged into the pool, came up spluta close, and she was thinking of bow tering and gasping. , now he was gone out of her life, sent away by her in anger because he had spluttered. cuffed the cars of Fido when that pam-

Letting the ears hang loosely in her ... What can I give you in return... sure, but then every one did not love grow up into a strong man," prompt-dogs. She sighed as the thought came by answered the Mighty Bronze Genie. logs. She sighed as the thought came to her that now she would never feel the pressure of Reggie's lips against hers, and as she realized the boldness of her thoughts a flush of crimson crept over her fair face.

She was aroused from her reverse by a sudden blast of cold air that careened capsize. A second gust tore the oars from her grasp and spun the boat diz- The Closing Act in Our Interesting "If, however, sales go above \$30,000repulsive to her, and as she pushed him into the bottom of the boat thoughts of Reggie came to her and didn't follow him.

Problem

THE big evening meeting passed off splendidly. Two hours were spent in explaining the profit-sharing plan. James outlined it to begin with, but he was so quick about it that the people thoughts of Reggie came to her and didn't follow him.

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Seeing this, Brune Duke whispered to him answer questions about it.

James thus introduced Brune Duke.

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By the use of blackboard examples the point with the plan for, as Duke explained, unless they are kept familiar with it they will cease to be enthusiastic. ed her across the hall and into the in acute disappointment, then continthunder and the darkness preceding the heavy electrical storms, almost tropical in their violence, which visit washington necessionally, was excepting up; even the air was operasive and Mrs. Burnham; she' winced and Mrs. Burnham; she' winced and Mrs. Burnham; she winced in volume and Mrs. Burnham; she winced in volume and Mrs. Burnham; she winced in volume and Mrs. Burnham; she winced in volume and the roll of thunder grew into terbile crashes, while vivid sheets of fire and the roll of thunder grew into terbile crashes, while vivid sheets of fire and the roll of thunder grew into terbile crashes, while vivid sheets of fire and the roll of thunder grew into terbile crashes, while vivid sheets of fire and the roll of thunder grew into terbile crashes, while vivid sheets of fire and the roll of thunder grew into terbile crashes, while vivid sheets of fire and the roll of thunder grew into terbile crashes, while vivid sheets of fire and the roll of thunder grew into terbile crashes, while vivid sheets of fire and the roll of thunder grew into terbile crashes, while vivid sheets of fire and the roll of thunder grew into terbile was arrived at.

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"Yes." Marian drew in her breath she knew she was safe when he was near. Fido barked and howled in alter-

what was transpiring in the library he never noticed the stealthy approach of Mrs. Ward. The houses What did her mother mean by her cryptic remark—to involve Rene?

"Travel abroad," repeated the cor
"Travel abroad," repeated the corder, "Reggie," she whispered, "I think I will give Fido away. I never want him to kiss me again." With a loving look at the fair face resting on his straining force of a powerful second shoulder Reggie," she whispered, "I think of the spatulate tip on that kind of the spatulate tip on that kind of the spatulate tip on that kind of thumb. The same of the spatulate tip on that kind of the spatulate tip on that kind of the spatulate tip on that kind of thumb and the holding to rules with a grim tenacity, which makes those who are thus endowed the chamber of the spatulate tip on that kind of the spatulate tip on the spatulate tip on that kind of the spatulate tip on the sp shoulder Reggie refused the sacrifice, phalanx. backing I would not have been able to end of the storm and the beginning of

> The next complete novelette-The Captain's Cook.

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WHATS

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#### DREAMLAND ADVENTURES--By Daddy "LITTLE LAME LADDIE"

(Peggy, Billy and Mighty Bronze Genie seek the Great Doctor to get new legs for Lame Laddie. The new legs for Lame Laddie. The Great Doctor is accidentally knocked into a deep pool, and the Genie and Billy dive to the rescue.)

THE GREAT DOCTOR'S PROMISE where the Great lows swooping along the surface of the Genie, diving after them, came up promptly. Billy with his hand clutching the negro's collar and the Genie with She was unusually quiet and a deep his hand gripping the Great Doctor's violet shade that crept into her blue hair. Judge Owl, whose claws were so eyes showed that she was deep in tangled in the cook's kinky wool that ne couldn't let go when the black

dull it would seem in her city home. It took but a minute for Billy and without Reggie Vandyke. For a year the Genie to bring the two half-drowned he had been constant in his attentions men to shore. There they lay while the vacation. He can't work," gurgled the and she was well aware that only her Owl freed himself from the robe in water poured from their mouths. Judge fat cook. own coquettish evasions had kept him which he was tangled and dragged you can go back into the pool and get from telling of his love in words. And annualf up the bank.

of it when I play ghost."

The Great Doctor rose to his feet pulled him out again.

hands her thoughts wandered back to "You can give Lame Laddie two die's legs," declared the Great Doctor. In the occurrence. He was brutal, to be good legs so he can run and play and "That's why I was examining them asleep."

"You have saved my life," he said, the cook.

"Give him legs! Give him legs! sputtered the cook.

"Sny, if you feel that way about it "Whoop! No more jokes for me," he nantly. He gave the negro a shove that

"No, no! Great Doctor is on his "Oh, and you weren't pinching him the secret of the Genie,

just to be mean?" exclaimed Peggy. "Why, no. I'd made up my mind that such a fine, brave chap, who knew so much about fishing, ought to have good legs and, without telling him anything about it, I was trying to find out if I could help him. An operation will give him new legs, making him as strong and sturdy as any boy, and vacation or no vacation, I'm going to fix him up tomorrow."

'Oh, it will be wonderful to walk," nurmured Lame Laddie, his eyes glis-

"I'll pay his hospital bill," said the

Bronze Genic, "You'll do nothing of the sort," replied the Great Doctor. "This job is not going to cost any one a cent. I'll around after Lame Laddie first thing

"Then I'd better be getting him home said the Mighty Bronze Genie. Without another word he picked up Lame Laddie, Peggy and Billy, and dons pace. His speed made l'eggy's heac whiel, and when the whirling ceased

there she was alone and back home. But even while her head was whirl-"I always get the worst sent him tumbling into the water once ing she had noticed that the water more. But Billy just as promptly ing she had noticed that the water trickling down Bronze Genie's face was The Great Doctor rose to his feet purel canine had endeavored to plant and stretched out his hand to the un affectionate kiss on his face.

The Great Doctor rose to his feet "Give him legs! Give him legs! But her wonder if the Genic's real color let me out of this water!" spluttered were bronze. And she wondered, too. if he were really a Genic. In the midst "Of course, I'll fix up Lame Lad- of her wondering things around her

(In the next story Peggy discovers

For the next two weeks I worked as

plain it been on hand numerous misconceptions would have taken root.

about it.

A regular monthly meeting was arranged, and at each meeting some part

TODAY'S BUSINESS QUESTION What is a "Bill of Sight"? Answer will appear Monday. ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S

BUSINESS QUESTION

**Business Questions Answered** 

education. What books would you suggest that I read to increase my knowledge of the bond business or steel forming? Awaiting your suggestions eagerly.

There is no question that you could

learn to close sales, and a course in

salesmanship would give you the theory

ability to close a sale is usually self-fear. The salesman hesitates to boldly

take the order-he fears that if he asks

There are several good courses in

bond business. The editors of these

Having met with considerable success in collecting out-of-town accounts. I am think-line of starting a collection agency.

Will you kindly tell me some of the essential voints in the business? What sort of circuiar-letter would be advisable? I believe personal calls better service. A general out-line for beginning is what I need, What books would help me?

W. I. L.

I am glad to mail you names of some

usiness are: Keep expenses very low

books on collection matters.

Some of the essential points in this

and draw a very modest salary for yourself while getting started. It is

usually a business which is slow to de-

velop, merely because there is very lit-

tle expense attached to it. There are,

therefore, numbers of collection agen-cies—good, bad and indifferent—princi-

pally bad and indifferent.

"Dashing, isn't he?"

It is really not difficult, and the in-

of doing this.

books.

PERPLEXED.

A "Bill of Sale" is a contract unler scal for the sale of goods.

## BRUNO DUKE, Solver of Business Problems

By HAROLD WHITEHEAD, Author of "The Business Career of Peter Flint," etc.

SHARING PLAN

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her boat until it seemed that it would THE PROBLEM OF THE PROFIT- orous cheer went up at that, for and determination to do his best to "George" is very popular. The other help get more than \$30,000 worth of goods shinned out every work goods shipped out every week.

a-week average, the percentage of profit before as a desk-order man, and during

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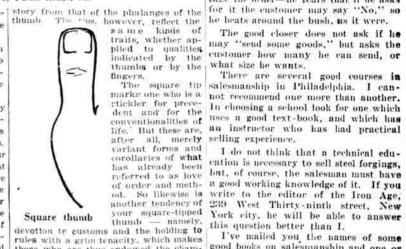
If in the newspapers; I knew not the awaited what seemed like certain death, owners of the business and the other and with a soft chuckle said. 'No, boss, short and under precesse of saving your arrival here Tuesday morning. Mrs. Burnham shock her head. 'I victim; I knew not this house until Fido, head uplifted, howled in terror, half is divided among you fellows in the curve of the business and the other and with a soft chuckle said. 'No, boss, burnham shock her head.' I victim; I knew not this house until Fido, head uplifted, howled in terror, half is divided among you fellows in the curve of the business and the other and with a soft chuckle said. 'No, boss, the curve of the business and the other and with a soft chuckle said.' I victim; I knew not this house until the curve of the business and the other and with a soft chuckle said. 'No, boss, the curve of the business and the other and with a soft chuckle said.' No, boss, the curve of the business and the other and with a soft chuckle said.' No, boss, the curve of the business and the other and with a soft chuckle said.' No, boss, the curve of the business and the other and with a soft chuckle said.' No, boss, the curve of the business and the other and with a soft chuckle said.' No, boss, the curve of the business and the other and the other and the curve of the business and the other and the curve of the business and the other and the curve of the business and the other and the curve of the business and the other and the curve of the business and the other and the curve of the business and the other and the curve of the business and the other and the curve of the business and the other and the curve of the business and the other and the curve of the business and the other and the curve of the business and the other and the curve of the business and the other and the curve of the business and the curve of the business and the curve of the business and the curve

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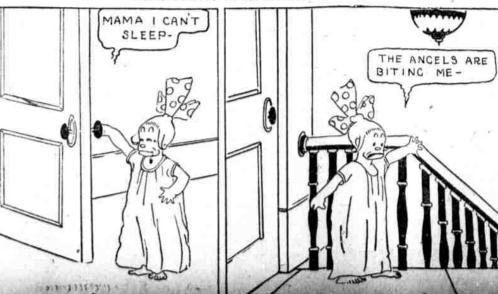
As Shown by Thumbs and Fingers By IRVING R. BACON

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thing apparently was found out of "Marlan!" Evelyn's anguish almost Fide, with a courage developed from to the strength of a short, weak thumb place by you or any of your servants; broke down the other's composure, his fear, scrambled into the boat, and as does the spatulate tip, the peculiar-



In this they differ from the spatulate- journals can give you the names of



By CHAS. McMANUS

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE Blondine-Did you have a good time at the dance last night?

Brungtta-Kinda. "Who was that handsome chap I saw you with just after the intermission?"

'Nerviest gink I ever seen." "I noticed he had his arm rather tightly about you.' "I didn't mind that so much."

"What then?" "Do you know why he had me clutch. ed that way?".

No. "Well, would you believe it, he had me that way so I couldn't escape, and all the time we were dancing he was trying to sell me some life insurance." —Youngstown Tetegrom.

